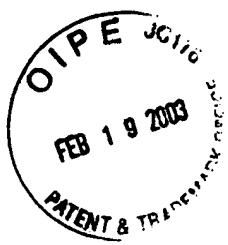


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)
2-5526-002

In re Application of Paul H. Mears et al.	
Application Number 09/836,900	Filed April 17, 2001
For Seed Meter Transfer and Storing Apparatus	
Group Art Unit 3618	Examiner Brian Swenson

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

- One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))
- Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))
- Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))
- Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))
- Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 55

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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01 FC:2251 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 08-1650
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I am the applicant/inventor

- assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
- attorney or agent of record.
- attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____

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